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SUBJ: VISIT TO PANAMA OF TREASURY SECRETARY SHULTZ

1. THE APRIL 3-4 VISIT TO PANAMA OF THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, BY ITS TIMING AND INFORMALITY, HAS MADE IN THE EMBASSY'S VIEW A HIGHLY POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO U.S.-PANAMANIAN RELATIONS. COMING WITHIN BUT TWO MONTHS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT TO PANAMA -- AND COINCIDING WITH THE THIRD VISIT OF AMBASSADOR BUNKER -- SECRETARY SHULTZ'S BRIEF STOPOVER HAS PROVIDED THE GOP WITH YET ANOTHER EARNEST OF HIGH LEVEL U.S. INTEREST IN PANAMA AND OF ITS DESIRE TO CONSULT IN THE SPIRIT OF TLATELOLCO.

2. SECRETARY SHULTZ AND HIS PARTY ARRIVED THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 3 AND DEPARTED AT NOON THE FOLLOWING DAY. IN KEEPING WITH THE INFORMAL NATURE OF THE VISIT, THE SECRETARY AND HIS IMMEDIATE PARTY PROCEEDED DIRECTLY TO CONTADORA ISLAND, WHERE TREATY NEGOTIATION TALKS WERE UNDERWAY BETWEEN AMBASSADOR BUNKER AND FOREIGN MINISTER TACK. THE SECRETARY HELD A 20-25 MINUTE PRIVATE CONVERSATION ON THE ISLAND WITH PRESIDENT LAKAS AND CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT GENERAL TORRIJOS THE EVENING OF APRIL 3 AND WAS HOSTED AT DINNER BY THE PRESIDENT. THE REMAINDER OF THE SECRETARY'S PARTY, FOR WHOM ACCOMMODATIONS WERE NOT AVAILABLE ON CONTADORA, WERE PROVIDED WITH A TOUR OF CANAL ZONE

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